THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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Production of Prawn

6788. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the production of prawn in each coastal State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The steps taken/proposed to be taken for development of shrimp farming in each Coastal State include:

(i) Establishment of Brackishwater Fish Farmer's Development Agencies in the potential coastal district for providing a package of technical, financial and extension support to the shrimp farmers. So far 31 such Agencies have been sanctioned for establishment in the potential districts of 9 maritime States.

(ii) Establishment of demonstration-cum-pilot shrimp farms and shrimp seed hatcheries in selected areas for demonstrating the techno-economic viability of shrimp farming.

(iii) Setting up of demonstration-cum-training centre in each Coast State for imparting training to prawn farmers.

(iv) Providing assistance in the form of subsidy to disfferent categories of shrimp farmers/entrepreneurs/technocrats, for establishing semi-intensive shrimp farms, shrimp hatcheries and shrimp feed mills; and

(v) Implementation of a World Bank assisted shrimp culture project in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal covering a net water area of 3810 ha. from 1992-93 onwards for a duration of 7 years, at an estimated cost of about Rs. 250 crore.

Fish Landing Centres and Fishing Harbours

6789. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishing harbours and fish landing centres cleared by the Union Government during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the cost of each of these projects alongwith Central and State share, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Four Fishery Harbours and twelve Fish Landing Centres were cleared by the Union Government during the last three years. A Statement showing details is attached.